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Presidential Primary Election Will Be Tuesday, February 12

by James Giese

Maryland moved its presidential primary election date up to February 12 in order to have a greater impact upon the parties' nominations for President of the United States. But so did every other state, it seems. By the time Marylanders cast their ballots 19 Republican and 21 Democratic primary elections in other states will already have been held. Also Republican and Democratic caucuses will have been held in 11 other states in addition to a Republican county convention in Wyoming and a state convention in West Virginia.

By February 12 the determination as to who will be the two parties' presidential candidates could be all over but the shouting and formal ratification at the party conventions this summer. Then again, this nominating process has proceeded past the Iowa, New Hampshire, Michigan, Nevada

and, for the Republicans, South Carolina primaries and caucuses without clear cut determinations as to who the winning candidates will be. Super Tuesday, February 5 this year, will see primaries or caucuses or conventions take place in 24 states, including California, Illinois, Massachusetts and New York. After that, there may be both winners and losers making Maryland elections inconsequential. On the other hand, the country could still be divided for either party. Then what Maryland does, along with Virginia and the District of Columbia, could be of extreme importance.

Closed Primaries

Only registered Democrats will be permitted to vote in that election. In Maryland eight names have been placed on the ballot for the Democratic primary. They are Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton, Christopher Dodd, John Edwards,

Mike Gravel, Dennis Kucinich, Barack Obama and Bill Richardson. Biden, Dodd and Richardson have withdrawn from the contest but their names will continue to be on the ballot. Most political observers are limiting the race to Clinton, Obama and possibly Edwards. Clinton has garnered the most delegates so far, 100 more than Obama.

The ballot will have nine names on the Republican side where only registered Republicans will be permitted to vote. They are Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, Duncan Hunter, Alan Keyes, John McCain, Ron Paul, Mitt Romney, Tom Tancredo and Fred Thompson. Hunter and Thompson have officially dropped out. Here the race seems to be between Giuliani, Huckabee, McCain and Romney with Romney slightly

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Congressional Leaders Decry Erosion of Support for BARC

by Elaine Skolnik

A concerted effort by Maryland's U.S. Senators Barbara Mikulski and Benjamin Cardin and Representative Steny Hoyer is currently underway to ensure that the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) and the National Agricultural Library (NAL) will be able to undertake their critical missions as two of the "world's foremost agricultural research institutions."

In light of tight budgets recently passed by the U.S. Congress and those of previous years, it is apparent that BARC will not be able to meet its basic costs without again reducing its staff of scientists and training programs and again being unable to rehabilitate the center's laboratories and other failing structures. Because of these conditions and other major budget cuts, BARC's global mission will continue to weaken.

Over the years threats to BARC's mission have been numerous – for example the whittling away and auctioning of its land. Many such actions have been thwarted but during this period a steady leasing of land to federal agencies not compatible with BARC's mission has occurred. Today BARC includes some 7,000 acres of land.

A leader in the ongoing battle to protect BARC is John Peter Thompson of Behnke Nursery Co. Thompson was a major force in creating the National Agricultural Research Alliance – Beltsville (NARA), which supports the advancement of agricultural, human nutrition and scientific research of

the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The Alliance was formed to benefit "BARC research for farmers, the general public, the nation and the environment."

NARA also advocates for BARC and its agricultural and horticultural activities before legislative, executive, administrative and judicial bodies and the public. In 2007 NARA coordinated arrangements for Mikulski, Cardin and Hoyer and their staffs to tour BARC and NAL.

Congressman Wayne Gilchrest's staff and Maryland federal and state delegations also were taken on tours by the Alliance group and a meeting was held with State Senator James Rosapepe for discussion of the future of BARC/NAL.

Thompson told the News Review that the Alliance continues to support Enhanced Lease Authority for USDA. He helped craft the program, which is included in the Farm Bill. The program would permit leasing vacant space at BARC to private companies engaged in business compatible with BARC's mission, such as the biotech industry.

(For example, one such possibility was described in The Washington Post on Monday, January 14 – an effort by an Annapolis-based company, Pharm-Athene, to carry out drug research on a herd of goats to foil the neurological effects of chemical weapons.)

Other support for BARC, according to Thompson, came from

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BARC Land Is Part of Green Belt

When land on which to build Greenbelt was carved out in the mid-1930s, the U.S. Department of Agriculture was in the process of moving the Agricultural Research Center (ARC) to its present location in Beltsville. Rexford Guy Tugwell, who headed the planned community project, chose the Greenbelt site precisely because it was adjacent to BARC.

From the beginning, the city has considered ARC land adjacent to the city's northern boundary as its protective green belt. In 1935 federal agents bought up 12,189 acres, including not only what is now Greenbelt but what later became the Goddard Space Flight Center and the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge.

Over the years the city and BARC have enjoyed a cordial relationship.

In her book "Greenbelt, Maryland: A Living Legacy of the New Deal" Cathy D. Knepper wrote: "City residents remained aware of the importance of the Beltsville Agricultural Research station to the north of town as part of their green belt and monitored any attempts at change. Periodically, federal agencies made efforts to sell off part of the land. In 1987 an amendment to an appropriations bill introduced by a U.S. Congressman from Prince George's County, Steny Hoyer, prohibited the sale of Agricultural Research land as surplus."

City's Visioning Session Opens at SHL Elementary

by Robin Everly

There is a famous line from the movie Field of Dreams: "If you build it, he will come." The protagonist is driven, not really knowing why, to build a baseball diamond in his Iowa cornfield. From that vision, unusual magical events happen in his life that eventually will make sense and enrich his life and others.

The movie is fantasy. But it is about taking chances, believing dreams can come true and thinking "outside the box." Along the same lines, Greenbelt's city council and government officials are holding three community visioning sessions throughout the city

and asking citizens "to come" and voice their concerns and suggestions to "make Greenbelt the best community it can be."

The first session was held on Saturday, January 12 at Springhill Lake Elementary school beginning at 9 a.m. All five councilmembers, City Manager Michael McLaughlin, other city staff and volunteers from the city's advisory boards and committees were on hand and ready to listen to what citizens had to say.

Mayor Judith Davis commented that in the past the city has created strategic plans. But this

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Council Considers State And National Concerns

by Barbara Hopkins

In its first meeting of the year on January 14, the Greenbelt City Council focused most of its discussion on two agenda topics: whether and by what means to support national proposals to address the country's current real estate financial situation and whether to support a proposed State bill that would prohibit the District Council from using certain zoning text amendments.

Proposed Bill

Delegates from Prince George's and Montgomery Counties have introduced a bill (PG/MC 117) that modifies existing legislation by adding restrictions to the use of zoning text amendments. New paragraphs applying

only to Prince George's County contain eight ways the District Council – the county council in its role as zoning authority – may not distinguish a specific parcel for amended zoning regulations.

The list has a striking resemblance to the means used to describe the former Greenway Village Apartments, now Hanover Apartments, when the developer was seeking to redevelop them into senior housing. (See story in the News Review, November 1, 2007.)

The Greenbelt City Council has generally opposed such site-specific text amendments that

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City's Electronics Recycling Is Important Business

by Kathie Jarva

Computers, cell phones, televisions, electronic games, on and on – it all becomes waste, e-waste, sooner or later. What does all that e-waste do to the environment? Nothing good. And the problem is getting worse – ready to balloon substantially as the conversion to high definition TV gears up.

First, e-waste takes up space – in closets, basements, sheds and garages. If simply put out with the trash, it then takes up precious area in landfills. But space

is the least of the problem.

When dumped in landfills, the hazardous materials, such as lead, cadmium and mercury as well as the batteries in many items, are also dumped. These materials are benign while the product is in use or stored in a protected environment but they begin to breakdown when exposed to weather, soil and other waste in a landfill. The toxins then enter the atmosphere, the soil and the

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What Goes On

Saturday, January 26

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Community Visioning, Municipal Building

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard

5 p.m., Indoor Pool Closes for High School Swim Meet

Monday, January 28

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Letters

Kudos to Public Works

Fall got away from us and we never got around to raking the mounds of leaves in our yard on Fayette Place this year. During Thanksgiving I had to take the drastic step of trying to hire someone to help us get out of our predicament. Fortunately my neighbor recommended Alan Burt and Frann Fendlay, who after looking at my mess told me they would try and get it done before the city stopped picking up leaves on January 18. The underlying message was it was a hope, not a pledge, to get to my yard so late in the season, as their many loyal customers were ahead of me on their to-do list.

As the New Year rolled around I figured my chances were dwindling but when I came home late on the evening of January 16, there was the Great Wall of leaves at my curb. With bad weather forecast for Thursday afternoon/evening, I figured I had best make a call to Public Works alerting them to my piles of leaves. The more I heard of the news and the weather forecast that evening, the dimmer my hopes became to get the leaves picked up; all trucks were on alert across the tri-state area for salting, snow removal and clean up. I figured that late leaf pickup would fall pretty far down on their list of priorities.

Much to my surprise, as I was leaving home at 7:30 a.m. on January 17, a Public Works truck pulls up in front of my house and starts leaf removal. Thanks to my neighbor Sue Krofchik, who had already alerted them to the leaf piles, they were ready to remove them first thing before the storm hit. Much thanks to Public Works, my neighbors and the unsung work of Alan and Frann for helping my yard be the last leaf pickup in Greenbelt.

Martha Kristy



Postal Unit Now Closed

The postal unit located in the Municipal Building has been temporarily closed. It will remain closed until Tuesday, February 5 while a new postal clerk is hired and trained. After re-opening, the hours will be the same as before the close.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF JAN. 25

Juno (PG-13)

Friday
*5:15, 7:30, 9:30

Saturday
1*, *3:10, *5:15, 7:30, 9:30

Sunday
1*, *3:10, *5:15, 7:30

Monday - Thursday
*5:15, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00

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Artful Afternoon Focus Is on Warm and Fuzzy

The next Artful Afternoon on Sunday, February 3 will feature “Warm Fuzzies for the Winter.” At the Community Center from 1 to 5 p.m., there will be a line-up of warm, fuzzy fun on tap – make a felted wool bracelet with artist Elizabeth Morisette, enjoy laughs and antics with the Nicolo Whimsey Show and see really green sculptures with Jackson Martin’s exhibit in the gallery. There will also be a free drawing held for tickets to performances at the Clarice Smith Center for the Performing Arts and the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Art Workshop

From 1 to 3 p.m., a “create your own bracelet” workshop will be led by Artist-in-residence Elizabeth Morisette. The “wet felting” process includes warm water, soap, wool roving and friction. With textile training in weaving and basket making, Morisette has a quirky eye and a powerful commitment to community. Her wall hangings and sculptures are seen in shows throughout the area and as far away as the Dairy Barn Arts Center in Athens, Ohio. Check Morisette’s work at her blog at <http://elmorisette.blogspot.com/>. Participants should come ready to get a little wet. All ages are welcome; little ones may need some help from an adult.

Nicolo Whimsey Show

At 3 p.m., see Nicolo the Jester and the amazing Queen of Whimsey in a Renaissance-style extravaganza including juggling; comedy; musical saw and accordion; Musculina, the Worlds’ Strongest Woman; and more. The Nicolo Whimsey Show has entertained children and families for over 20 years at the White House, Kennedy Center Millennium Stage, Folger Shakespeare Library and other venues in the U.S., Europe and Asia.

Exhibit, Talk

Green is the thing with “Pioneers: Living Sculpture by Jackson Martin,” the new show in the Community Center Gallery. The exhibit evokes the social and architectural history of Greenbelt in a sculptural crescent of succulents and other works. At 2 p.m.



PHOTO BY SANTOS

Elizabeth Morisette with one of her creations.

join Martin for an artist’s talk “From Commune to Cooperative: Art and Intentional Community.” Born on a hippie commune in Summertown, Tenn., Martin will discuss the resonances he has discovered between Greenbelt and his hometown as well as broader trends in the use of living material in contemporary art. The exhibit will remain on display through March 16. For more information on Jackson’s groundbreaking work visit www.jacksonmartin.com.

Studios, Tours

Every month there are open studios on the third floor and a chance to chat with the Community Center artists-in-residence from 1 to 5 p.m. and hallways adorned with fantastic sculpture. Visit the Greenbelt Museum’s ongoing exhibition “Sublime on a Dime: Fashions from the Great Depression to World War II.” In addition tours of the museum’s historic home at 10-B Crescent Road are available for a nominal charge.

Artful Afternoons are held on the first Sunday of every month from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center with hands-on art projects, performances, open studios and more. These free, award-winning programs are sponsored by the City of Greenbelt. For more information about Artful Afternoons and other upcoming events and classes visit www.greenbeltnmd.gov/arts or call Barbara Davis at 240-542-2062.

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

– Monday, January 28, 2 to 7 p.m.,
Glenn Dale Community Center, 11901 Glenn Dale Blvd.,
Glenn Dale

– Wednesday, January 30, noon to 5 p.m.,
Steamfitters, 8509 Ardwick-Ardmore Road,
Landover

– Monday, February 11, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.,
Knights of Columbus Prince George’s Council,
9450 Cherry Hill Road,
College Park

– Tuesday, February 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
Prince George’s County Association of Realtors,
8400 Corporate Drive,
Landover

– Monday, January 28, 2 to 7 p.m.
Glenn Dale Community Center, 11901 Glenn Dale Blvd.,
Glenn Dale

Call 301-552-8060 for an appointment.

Grin Belt



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"He shoots . . . and he scores!"

On Screen

“Juno” – Best Picture Nominee

Juno is directed by Jason Reitman. The premise is that a very intelligent teenage girl (Juno, played by Ellen Page) accidentally becomes pregnant. She searches for an ideal set of parents to adopt her child when it is born. The candidates are a wealthy couple, played by Jason Bateman and Jennifer Garner. Other characters include her best friend (Olivia Thirlby) and her parents (JK Simmons and Allison Janney). This comedy-drama is rated PG-13 and runs 1 hour, 31 minutes.

– William C. Jones

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Turner Wants Report On Greenbelt Middle

The Greenbelt City Council has received a copy of a January 11 letter from Prince George’s County Councilmember Ingrid Turner addressed to the Board of Education requesting a quarterly report that outlines the status of construction and renovation of Greenbelt Middle School.

“The proposed renovation and addition will correct . . . deficiencies, remove portions of the building that are considered to be beyond repair and build a new addition that will complete the educational program,” states Turner.

Turner has requested that the board deliver the first report by February 4.

At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

Tuesday, January 29, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, January 30, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

Thursday, January 31, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children’s Desk.

GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:

Monday, January 28, 7:15 p.m. – Pre-purchase Orientation

6:30 p.m. – Communications Committee

Tuesday, January 29, 7 p.m. – Marketing Committee

8:30 a.m. – Yardline Committee

Wednesday, January 30, 7:30 p.m. – Companion Animal Committee

Unless otherwise noted all events take place at the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Administration Building. Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Note: The 2008 Board Meeting schedule has been changed to the second and fourth Thursdays of every month through May.

Park Hosts Invasive Plant Removal

Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants. Join in a hands-on nature preservation activity and learn about native and non-native plants.

Join this effort on Saturday, February 2 at 11 a.m. in the Sweetgum Picnic Area.

This program will be repeated the first Saturday of every month. Come rain or shine and wear appropriate clothing, work gloves and bring a lunch or snack. This is a partnership between Greenbelt Park and the University of Maryland.

Greenbelt Park’s entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For more information, call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

Explore Arthritis On February 1

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Katherine Sperberg on Friday, February 1. Sperberg, a May 2007 graduate of James Madison University with a BA in health communication, works for the Arthritis Foundation.

Sperling will present options for arthritis treatment and help the audience understand how to manage the pain and/or disability associated with arthritis. Some specific topics she will cover include: 1) Understanding Your Pain; 2) Non-Medical Options; 3) Joint Protection; 4) Application of Heat and Cold; 5) Self-Care Skills; 6) Over the Counter Medications; 7) Surgery Pros and Cons and 8) Alternative Therapies. Other topics will also be presented.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

P&J Film, Discussion On Palestine Sunday

On Sunday, January 27 the Prince George’s Peace and Justice Coalition will provide a free showing of the documentary film: “Peace, Propaganda and the Promised Land” at 3:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center followed by a discussion of the issue.

In a critique of U.S. mainstream media coverage of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the film offers less dominant views of U.S. foreign policy responsibility and on-the-ground Palestinian experience. It discusses distorted U.S. media coverage of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through the voices of scholars, media critics, peace activists, religious figures and Middle East experts and analyzes why journalists – for reasons ranging from intimidation to inadequate information – reinforce false perceptions of the region.

Mike Daly, organizer of Interfaith Peace-Builders visits with Israeli and Palestinian peace activists, will introduce the film and lead a group discussion after its 80-minute run.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the previous day to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 for information about the program and to make reservations.

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for Monday, January 28 through Friday, February 1 include:

Monday – Vegetable soup, stuffed cabbage, corn O’Brien, whole boiled potatoes, brownie.

Tuesday – Orange juice, beef stew with vegetables, fluffy rice, garden salad with dressing, two sugar cookies.

Wednesday – Cream of celery soup, hoagie with mustard/mayo/lettuce/tomato/onions/pickle cup, bag of pretzels, pasta salad, fruit sherbet.

Thursday – Cranapple juice, bar-b-que chicken, black-eyed peas, chopped collards, chocolate pudding.

Friday – Orange juice, baked wild salmon with creamy dill sauce, rice medley, peas and carrots, canned peaches.

Anger Management Training at CARES

Beginning Monday, February 4 CARES will provide an anger management training for adults 18 and over in the CARES offices, 25 Crescent Road. The nine-week course will take place from 7 to 8:15 p.m.

Certificates of completion will be issued with attendance at all nine sessions. The training is free with a fee for the workbook.

Contact CARES at 301-345-6650 for more information.

Peace, Propaganda & the Promised Land

A film about the Israeli Palestinian conflict & US media coverage

Sunday, Jan. 27, 3:30 pm
Greenbelt Community Center
Discussion by Mike Daly, Interfaith Peace Builders

Peace & Justice Coalition

Greenbelt Arts Center
AUDITIONS
“The Octette Bridge Club”
by P.J. Barry • Directed by Erica Drezek

Monday, Feb. 11 & Tuesday, Feb. 12 from 7-9 p.m.

Casting: 8 Women, ages 35 to 65; 1 Man, age 25-35
Ability to play the piano and some singing required for some roles

Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD
www.greenbeltartscenter.org (301) 441-8770

Join us for the
New Deal Café's Cooperative
Annual Membership Meeting
Sunday, February 10
6 p.m. at the Café

Still Creek Friends Meet

The Friends of Still Creek invite discovery of Greenbelt Park and the Still Creek Watershed. Join this fun, dynamic group and learn how to help the local watershed of Still Creek. Meet at the Greenbelt Park ranger station classroom on Monday, February 4 at 7 p.m. The ranger station is located near the campground about 1.5 miles from the park entrance.

RSVP to Bill Duncan at 301-345-6515 or email billdsail@aol.com.

St. Hugh’s School Holds Open House

Parents of prospective and current St. Hugh’s students are invited to an open house at the school on January 29 and 30 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The school is comprised of kindergarten through eighth grade. Before and after school care is also available.

Although it is a Catholic school, staff indicate that “children of all faiths are welcome with open hearts. Financial assistance is available.”

Parents interested in having their children attend St. Hugh’s in the near future can visit the school at any time or obtain more information by contacting the school office at 301-474-4071.

Carnaval Showcase At New Deal Café

On Friday, February 1 WPFW’s Zezeh Pereira who co-hosts the music program Sounds of Brazil, will be doing a Carnaval Dance Showcase at the New Deal Café. Carnaval Samba is a solo dance style performed by both men and women during Carnaval in Brazil, with distinctive fast footwork and sensuous hip movements in the female version. Pereira will be in traditional plumage and costume and, after demonstrating the dance, she’ll talk about them and provide a group samba lesson.

Both samba the music and samba the dance have origins in African religion, originally performed as dedications to deities (orishas). The Portuguese in Brazil outlawed these activities but they reappeared in the guise of a light-hearted dance. Eventually samba became revolutionary, with lyrics about oppressors, poor living conditions and spiritual quests. Some samba music is more like American jazz, some more like bossa nova but the samba music accompanying Carnaval Samba is percussive and fast, encouraging quick, fancy footwork.

The event runs from 8 to 10:30 p.m. on Friday, February 1 at the New Deal Café at 113 Centerway in Roosevelt Center. For more information call 301-474-5642 or visit www.newdealcafe.com. This event is sponsored in part by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts.

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January 27th from noon to 1:30 PM
January 29th & 30th from 9 to 11:30 AM

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Send in information about your organization's activities for the Community Events page.

Obituaries

Harry Shaw

On Friday, January 18, 2008, Harry Shaw, age 73, died at Doctor's Community Hospital. Mr. Shaw was born on May 6, 1934, in Springfield, Ohio. In June 2007 he and Regina, his wife of 46 years, moved to Greenbelt.

In his seven months as a Greenbelt resident, he became a member of the group "Knitting for Charity." Mr. and Mrs. Shaw also taught a knitting class for young boys and girls at the Community Center. They were planning to pursue other activities and volunteer work in their new community.

As a lifelong resident of Springfield, Mr. Shaw enjoyed a career at the Springview Medical Center as a boiler operator.

He retired in 1987 due to cardiac concerns yet continued to pursue his diverse interests. Mrs. Shaw quotes "Harry's life was not defined by his jobs but by his hobbies," which included puppetry, cooking, wood carving, quilting and music. With his wife, he belonged to a quilting and knitting group where he gave lessons in bead making. He volunteered at the library and was always curious to learn new things.

Mr. Shaw is survived by his wife, Regina Shaw, his children, Michael Shaw and Katie Peachey, his sister Jean Ann Baldwin and two grandsons, Benjamin and Abram Shaw. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and one brother.

Mrs. Shaw and her family will receive friends at Gasch's Funeral Home, 4739 Baltimore Ave., Hyattsville on Friday, January 25 from 4 p.m. until the Service of Remembrance at 6 p.m. His jokes and laughter will be missed by his family and many friends. Bring memories to share for this group celebration of Harry Shaw's life.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, 1212 Cathedral St., Baltimore, MD 21201.



Mary Laurita Pranger

Mary Laurita Pranger of Lakeside Drive died January 11, 2008, at the home of her son Doug in Galena, Md.

Born in Sabetha, Kan., in February 1927 and raised on a farm in Horton, she left Kansas for Las Vegas, Nev., to work as a radio operator for Western Airlines after graduating from Radio and Television School in Topeka. She met Sylvester ("Sy") Pranger when he was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas and, after a brief courtship, they were married in 1951. They moved to his hometown of Hillsboro, Ore., where she continued to work to put Sy through college and graduate school. They came to the Washington, D.C., area in 1956 when Sy accepted a job with the Department of Agriculture.

The family moved to Greenbelt in 1958, first to the Lakewood section and in 1966 to Lakeside Drive. Laurita stayed home and raised their five children. She was an accomplished seamstress, gardener, cook and baker, making everything "from scratch," including pizza and even the noodles for chicken-noodle soup. Her Christmas cookies and delicate baked goods were sought after at church bake sales.

Laurita was active in St.



Hugh's Parish and was a Lady of Charity and a member of the Sodality. She is remembered by friends and family as always upbeat and pleasant, even in the face of the pain and illnesses she endured in her later years. She moved to Galena in July 2006 to live with her son Doug and his family and was very happy there.

She is survived by her children Dianne White (John), Steven (Cheryl), Philip (Kelly), Douglas (Rachel) and Karen Duda (Mark) and six grandchildren, Kimberly, Jacob, Mariah, Nathan, Ross and Kayla. Four brothers also survive.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Hugh's on January 17, with burial at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery beside her husband, who died nine years ago.

Mary E. Sullivan

Mary Elizabeth Sullivan, age 85, died on January 21, 2008.

Mrs. Sullivan is survived by sisters June Weaver and Shirley Potchko and brother Dewey G. Whaling. She was preceded in death by her husband William C. Sullivan.

Friends may call at Gasch's Funeral Home on Saturday, January 26 at 9 a.m. until the time of service at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Glenwood Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to a charity of the donor's choice.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church



40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open heart, Open minds, Open doors
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Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am
Prayer Meeting Sun. 10:00am

Wednesday Lenten Bible Study - 6:30pm Soup & Bread, 7:00pm Bible Study
Starts February 6 Come as you are!



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January 27, 10 a.m.
"Clouds of Witness"

by Barbara W. ten Hove, co-minister, with Don Henderson, worship associate
(Children's Chapel - grades K-8 in Kelley Room, 10 a.m.)

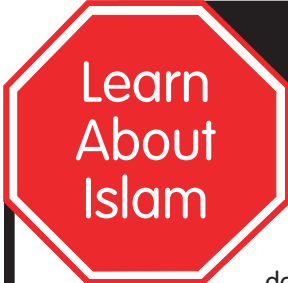
- Barbara W. and Jacob B. ten Hove, co-ministers



ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH



135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
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Mass Schedule:
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Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd



GIVE THANKS

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- The Holy Qur'an, 27:40

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10:30 am Worship Service



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Greenbelt Community Church

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Welcome!



Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road
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www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School
Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

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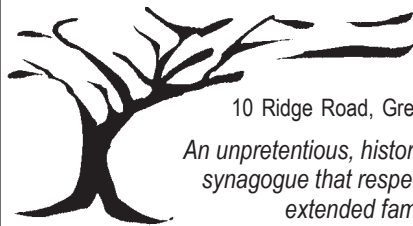


St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church

7010 Glenn Dale Road
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

Sundays: 8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass
9:00 am Christian education for all ages
10:00 am Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted
1:30 pm Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
Wednesdays: 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass

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Hope Fellowship

Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship
Greenbelt Youth Center 99 Centerway
(Behind the Community Center)

Jan. 27 - Respect God's Will and Respect Others

Pastor Lou Redd
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Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Baha'i Faith

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In all circumstances one should seize upon every means which will promote security and tranquility among the peoples of the world."
— Bahá'u'lláh

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
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Greenbelt, MD 20770
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www.bci.org/greenbeltbahai www.bahai.us

Lenten Services Begin
At Methodist Church

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church will have a Lenten Biblical Study on Wednesdays until Easter beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 6. Soup and bread will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the study at 7 p.m. for those who wish. The study conducted by Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim consists of excerpts from “The Upper Room” interlaced with his knowledge of the Bible. The church is located at 40 Ridge Road. Call 301-474-9410 for more information.

City Notes

Animal Control staff took into custody three cats from tenant evictions at Springhill Lake and GHI apartments and found one ferret running at large at the Springhill Lake Apartments. This weekend they will participate in the World of Pets Expo at the Timonium Fair Grounds, where Greenbelt’s adoptable pets will be offered for adoption. The opportunity to share space with Collie Rescue enabled Animal Control to participate without paying a booth fee while networking with others, increasing their visibility and hopefully finding homes for some homeless Greenbelt pets. Refuse and Recycling collected 29.8 tons of refuse and 14.42 tons of co-mingled recyclable materials. CARES Twenty-one students have enrolled in a 10-week GED course. Students will study English grammar, reading comprehension, social studies, science and math skills.

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Week of JANUARY 25

FRI. - SAT.
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Mad Money, PG-13
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Meet the Spartans, PG-13 (!)
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MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION
Saturday, February 2

6 pm
at St. George’s Church
Dinner, Silent Auction, Costume Judging, Dancing
Costumes are encouraged.

Advance Tickets: \$25.00
At the Door: \$30.00
Children 10 yrs and under are free.
Childcare available.
For more information or to reserve tickets please call 301-262-3285.
St. George’s Church
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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

January 28, 2008– 8:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting-Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Introduction of New Staff – Lesley Riddle, Public Works

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

*Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

Resolution to Amend Resolution 1019, a Resolution to Purchase Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) (2nd Reading, Adoption)

OTHER BUSINESS

Selection of Banking Services

FY 2007 Audit – Clifton Gunderson

State Legislation

*Resolution of the Greenbelt Board of Appeals for Variance 07-002-V

*Appointment to Advisory Group

* Items on the Consent Agenda, indicated by an asterisk, will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER
SWIM MEET CLOSING

Please note – the indoor pool is closing at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 26th, 2008 for a high school swim meet. For more information call 301-397-2204

Artists’ Studio Available at Greenbelt Community Center

The Greenbelt Recreation Department invites local ceramic and visual artists to apply for studio space at the Greenbelt Community Center. Applications are now available for one space beginning in March. Applications must be received by February 15.

The Recreation Department’s Artist in Residence Program is open to visual artists (including film and digital artists as well as fine craftspersons) who are at least 18 years of age and are residents of Maryland. Each studio includes approximately 10’ X 17’ of dedicated space plus a shared sink and walkways in a former classroom shared with other artists. The Program provides 24-hour studio access and a stimulating atmosphere of creative camaraderie. A low monthly fee, security deposit, and liability insurance are required. All artists participate in monthly studio open houses and lead a once-annual community arts outreach project.

The Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road in Greenbelt, Maryland. For more information, an application, or an appointment to tour the studios, please contact Nicole DeWald, Arts Supervisor, at 240-542-2057 or ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov.

Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access Channel 71: MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, January 28 at 8pm: Regular City Council Meeting (live) Tuesday & Thursday, January 29 & 31: 10am & 6pm “Ask the Expert-Making Your Home More Livable,” 7:00pm: “New Towns” 8:00pm Replay of Council Meeting of 1/28, 9:30pm “Labor Day presents “The Orioles” PUBLIC ACCESS(GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday January 30 and February 1: 7pm “The Women” 9:15pm “Promo”

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

Arts Advisory Board

Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee

Youth Advisory Committee

For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

TEMPORARY POSTAL UNIT CLOSING

The Post Office at the Greenbelt Municipal Building will be closed until February 5th. The City’s Postal Clerk has left to return to college. This temporary closing will allow us to transition to a new clerk.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING!

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

SATURDAY, January 26th

9:00 a.m.-12: 00 p.m. -- Public Works Yard

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Bring your items to the collection bins located at Greenbelt Public Works, 555 Crescent Road.

Accepted items include: central processing units, monitors, keyboards, printers, laptop computers, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, computer mice, Fax machines, recording equipment, cameras, telephones and radios.

****TELEVISIONS ARE NOW ACCEPTED ALSO****

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE FOR DROP-OFF OF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS. PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE.

For further information call 301-474-8308.

COMMUNITY VISIONING FOR GREENBELT

Join the Mayor and City Council in visioning the future for the City of Greenbelt.

Express your views on how to make Greenbelt the best community it can be. Attend one or more of the Community Visioning Sessions:

- Saturday, January 26, 2008, Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Council Room
 - Saturday, February 2, 2008, Eleanor Roosevelt High School Multi-Purpose Room.
- Each session will run from 9:00am-1:00pm
For more information, contact the City at 301-474-8000 or e-mail info@greenbeltmd.gov.

Visit some of Greenbelt’s: ADOPTABLE PETS at the WORLD OF PETS EXPO-JANUARY 25-27 Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium Fun for the entire family!

For info visit <http://www.worldofpets.org/MDmain.htm>

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ahead in the delegate count but with anticipation that future victories for McCain and Giuliani that could offset that lead.

Delegates

Also on the ballot will be the names of persons seeking to become party delegates from the Fifth Congressional District, which includes Greenbelt. Those candidates may be pledged to certain presidential candidates or not. Those elected will be chosen on the basis of the number of votes each presidential candidate gets and the number of votes each delegate candidate receives. Any presidential candidate receiving greater than 15 percent of the preferential votes cast will be awarded delegates on a proportionate basis in each district. Republicans will elect three delegates and three alternates from each Congressional District who will be required to vote for the presidential candidate receiving the most votes in the district in that primary's winner-take-all process.

Delegate candidates and who they support (some are uncommitted) as listed by the Maryland Board of Elections for the Fifth District are:

Democrat female: Virginia Benedict, Charles, for Clinton; Sylvia Bolivar, Prince George's, for Clinton; Sue Kellen, Calvert, for Obama; Rhya Marohn, Charles, for Clinton; former Greenbelt delegate Joan Pitkin, Prince George's, for Obama; Monica Lee Silbas, Calvert, and Roxane Taylor, Prince George's, for Obama. Democrat Male: Shukoor Ahmed, Prince George's,

for Richardson; Henry "Hank" Arrington, Prince George's; Ben Barnes, Prince George's, for Clinton; Ted Besesparis, Prince George's, for Edwards; Mark Cook, Prince George's, for Obama; John S. Hawkins Sr., Prince George's, for Clinton; Leonard Lucchi, Prince George's, for Obama; Karl Kirby Pence, St. Mary's, for Biden; Partha Pillai, Prince George's, for Clinton; Dom Raino, Calvert, for Richardson; Paul-Alexandre Richard, Prince George's, for Obama; Greenbelt district legislative Delegate Justin Ross, Prince George's, for Obama and Todd M. Turner, Prince George's, for Clinton.

Republican delegates are: Bailey Collins, Charles, for Paul; Robin M. Bissett, Anne Arundel, for Thompson; Henry A. Borger, Prince George's, Skipwith C. Calvert, Calvert, for Huckabee; Vikke Childs, Anne Arundel, for Giuliani; Merrill Eldon Colby, Charles; Joe Crawford, Charles, for Huckabee; Jesse James Dann, Calvert; Melinda A. Fitzwater, Anne Arundel, for McCain; Karen Kirsch Griffith, Prince George's, for Romney; Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Anne Arundel, for Giuliani; Kevin Igoe, Calvert, for Romney; Steven M. Imai, Prince George's; Toni Jarboe-Duley, Prince George's, for Thompson; Brian S. Kern, Prince George's, for McCain; Steve Krukar, Prince George's, for Paul; Charles Lollar, Charles, for Romney; Thomas F. McKay, St. Mary's; Ron Miller, Calvert, for Huckabee; Tony O'Donnell, Calvert, for Thompson; Marianne Pelura, Anne Arundel; Daniel D.

Richards, Charles; Gary Rumsey, St. Mary's, for Paul; Meghan Sommers, Prince George's, for McCain; Eric Vrem, Charles; Travis J. Weber, Calvert, and Bruce Wesbury, Charles.

Alternate Republican Delegates: Douglas Arnold, Thomas V. Clagett, Tucker V. Clagett, Linda D. Darby, Greg Davis, John A. Flynn, Cynthia L. Jones, Kirkland Murray, Karl S. Nilson, Eric Peddicord, Michael Phillips, Sean Powell, Reed Ashley, Liz Reitzig, Mark H. Stone, Paul Tucker, Barrett Evan Young, III and Crystal M. Zorbaugh. Thomas Clagett, Murray, Nilson, Reitzig and Tucker are from this county.

Congress

The primary election will also select party candidates for Congress in each Maryland district. Steny H. Hoyer, now majority leader of the House of Representatives, is seeking reelection from the Fifth Congressional District. There is one Democrat James Patrick Cusick, Sr., of Lexington Park, St. Mary's, challenging him in the primary and three Republicans seeking that party's nomination. Those include Bailey Collins of Waldorf, Charles; Jesse James Dann of Dunkirk, Calvert; and Mike Hethmon of Upper Marlboro, Prince George's.

School Board

The county members of the Board of Education are not up for election this year. However, Amber Waller, who was recently appointed to the board to fill a vacancy, is unopposed for a special election to serve the remainder of the uncompleted term.

Absentee Ballots

The Maryland Court of Appeals has ruled that a law recently enacted to permit early voting before elections is unconstitutional and therefore invalid. Only those persons who will be absent from their voting precinct or unable to vote in person on election day will be permitted to vote early.

To vote absentee a voter must first submit an application for an absentee ballot. The application may be obtained on line by going to the Maryland State Board of Elections website <http://elections.state.md.us/> and using the quick link for absentee voting on the left side of the page. An application may also be obtained by mail by calling the Prince George's Board of Elections at 301-430-8020.

A request for an absentee ballot must be received by no later than February 5 in order for a ballot to be mailed out to the applicant (4:30 p.m. if mailed; 11:59 p.m., if faxed). After that an absentee ballot can only be obtained by going to the Prince George's County Board of Elections offices, 16201 Trade Zone Ave. (off Md. Rte. 301), Upper Marlboro, 20774 and filing a late application.

Absentee ballots are mailed out between three weeks and one week before the February 12 election. After that they must be obtained at the Prince George's Board of Elections.

Absentee ballots must be voted and returned to the election board offices by 8 p.m. on election day unless mailed on or before election day and bearing a postmark verifying that fact and delivered to the election board no later than 10 a.m. on February 22.



We are shocked and saddened by the sudden death on January 18, 2008, of Harry Shaw of Green Ridge House and offer sympathy to his wife Regina and their family. Newcomers to Greenbelt, Harry and Regina had entered right into all the community activities and had recently started a knitting class for children at the Community Center.

Condolences also to the family of longtime Lakeside Drive resident Laurita Pranger, who died on January 11, 2008, at the home of her son Doug in Galena, Md.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Mary Elizabeth Sullivan.

It's a new granddaughter for Diane and Tim Grady of Greenbriar. Amelia Kate was born on January 9, 2008, and joins sister Madeline. The happy parents are Shaun and Bekki McGee of Crystal, Mich.

Congratulations to Jarrett and Allison Eppard-Wilcots on the birth of their daughter Jordyn Lilly on January 22, 2008. Jordyn joins a large extended family including very proud big sister Zoey and grandmother Lynn Eppard, contract designer for the News Review.

We are glad to see News Review staffer Leonie Penney is home from the hospital, feeling fit and out and about.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland

Some People Don't Smile in Pictures . . .

Ask yourself if any of these areas may be affecting the beauty of your smile:



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- Uneven or unhealthy gums

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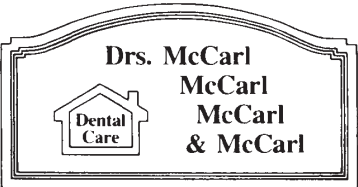


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Fresh Grade A Potatoes Russet/White 5 lb.	\$1⁹⁹
Crisp Gala Apples	\$1⁴⁹_{lb.}

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Fresh Lean Pork Value Pack Country Style Spare Ribs	\$1⁷⁹_{lb.}	Fresh Lean Beef Value Pack Boneless Chuck Roasts	\$2⁶⁹_{lb.}
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Fresh Lean Pork Value Pack Center Cut Pork Chops Rib/Loin	\$1⁸⁸_{lb.}	Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Stewing Cubes	\$3⁶⁹_{lb.}

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Breakstone Sour Cream Assorted 16 oz.	Kunzler Cooked Ham	Ellio's Large Pizza Cheese/Pepperoni/Double Cheese 17-21 oz.
Kraft Phila. Cream Cheese Reg./Less Fat 8 oz. brick	Deli Gourmet Swiss Cheese	Assorted Pockets Lean/Hot/Croissant 8-9 oz.
Heluva Good Assorted Dips 12 oz.		Weaver Boneless Chicken Nuggets or Tenders 28-32 oz.
Health & Beauty	Seafood	Natural & Gourmet
Western Family Cough Drops Assorted 24-40 pk.	Fresh Catch Catfish Fillets 5-11 oz. packages	Land-O-Lakes Cocoa Classics Hot Cocoa Mix Asst. 1.25
Western Family Cold/Cough /Flu Relief Liquid Original/Cherry 6 oz.	Northern Chef 61-71 Count Shrimp Ring 10 oz.	Mrs. Renfro's Premium Salsa and Dips Assorted 16 oz.
		Thai Pavilion Peanut Satay Kit 7.5 oz.
		Silmpy Asla Noodle Bowls Assorted 8.5 oz.
		Kristian Regale Sparkling Fruit Juices Asst. 25.4 oz.
		Perugina Classic Chocolate Bars Asst. 3.5 oz.

Grocery Bargains	
Francesco Rinaldi Spaghetti Sauces Assorted 23-24 oz.	Del Monte Canned Vegetables Selected Varieties 11-15 oz.
Campbell's Chunky Classic or Healthy Request Soups Selected Varieties 18-19 oz.	Kraft Family Size Salad Dressings Asst. 16 oz.
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Utz or Lays Potato Chips Assorted 11-13 oz.	Shurfine Canned Soda Assorted 12 pk. 12 oz.
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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department,
<http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report"
or http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robberies

January 11, 7:28 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane, a man reported that he was walking along the street when another man called out to him. He walked over to the man, who produced a handgun and demanded money. After getting money from him, the man asked for more money. A brief struggle ensued and the suspect fled the area on foot. The suspect is described as a black male, 6' with a light beard, wearing a black hat, a black thigh-length coat and black cargo pants. The victim was treated on the scene by ambulance personnel for a slight hand injury.

January 11, 10:35 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, a woman reported that she was walking to an apartment building when she was approached from behind and tackled to the ground by a man, who announced a robbery, took her purse and fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a black male 30 to 39 years of age, 5'10" to 6' with a dark complexion, wearing a black skull cap, a black puffy jacket and blue jeans and carrying a white bag.

January 16, in reference to a robbery reported November 17 in the 9200 block of Springhill Lane, an arrest warrant was obtained charging a resident man with armed robbery. The man was arrested and is currently being held on \$500,000 bond pending trial.

Weapons Arrest

January 12, 6:30 p.m., 6500 block Lake Park Drive, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with two counts of concealed deadly weapon, second-degree assault, failure to obey a lawful order and resisting arrest after police responded to a report of a verbal dispute in a parking lot. Investigation revealed that a tow truck driver had begun to tow a vehicle for a fire lane violation when he became involved in a verbal dispute with the vehicle owner. During the dispute the tow truck driver sprayed the owner in the face with pepper spray. As the vehicle had not yet been towed, the tow truck driver was ordered to release it to the owner. He refused to exit the truck and was arrested; he then resisted attempts by police to place him in custody. Located in the vehicle was a pair of brass knuckles and located on the ground was an asp-type baton that allegedly belonged to the tow truck driver. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Assault

January 18, 1:33 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, second-degree assault, resisting arrest, driving on a revoked license and several other traffic charges. Police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation and a computer check revealed that the man had a revoked license. He refused to speak with the officer and at one point exited the vehicle, took off his jacket and assumed a fighting stance. He was arrested and resisted attempts by police to place him in custody. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Drug Arrests

January 12, 4:45 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane, a resident youth was arrested for possession of paraphernalia after police saw the youth loitering in front of a convenience store. Upon approaching him on foot police detected the odor of what was believed to be marijuana. The youth was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. He was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

While investigating the above incident, police also saw a man with an open beer. He was arrested and found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to smoke crack cocaine. The man was charged with possession of paraphernalia and open alcohol. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

January 12, 2:59 p.m., 100 block Westway, a woman reported that someone threw a rock at the sliding glass door of her residence, shattering it. She saw four juveniles, described as black males, ages 8 to 12, running from the scene.

Trespass

January 11, 7:49 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass. Police investigating a robbery stopped the man, who matched the given description for a suspect. Investigation revealed that he had been banned from the apartment complex by agents of the property. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

January 14, 9:56 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with trespass. Police

responded to a report of unknown trouble; investigation revealed that the man had been banned from the apartment complex by agents of the property. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Disorderly Conduct

January 14, 8:24 p.m., 6000 Springhill Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and failure to obey a lawful order. Police responded to a report of a dispute between neighbors. The man was in an apartment building hallway shouting profanities. He was arrested when he refused to cease his actions and was released from the police station on citation pending trial.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported as stolen: a 1998 Dodge Neon 4-door from the 6 Court Crescent Road; a 2003 Dodge Ram 1500 truck from Beltway Plaza; a 1997 Honda Civic 2-door from the 9100 block Edmonston Terrace; a 2000 Honda Civic 2-door from the 9100 block Springhill Lane; and a white 1995 Nissan Maxima 4-door, Maryland tags 96372BY from the 6400 block Capitol Drive.

Stolen Auto Arrest

January 13, Beltway Plaza, a resident man was arrested and charged with theft over \$500 of an auto. Police saw a suspicious occupied vehicle; a computer check revealed that the vehicle, a 1995 Dodge Stratus 4-door, had been reported stolen. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Ten vehicles were recovered, six by Greenbelt police and four by other police departments. No arrests were made in any of the recoveries.

Theft from, attempted theft from, attempted theft of and vandalism to vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza, 6100 and 6200 blocks Breezewood Court, 5800 and 5900 blocks Cherrywood Lane, 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, 9100 block Edmonston Road (two incidents), 6000 block Springhill Drive, 100 block Westway, 40 Court Ridge Road, Greenway Center and 7900 block Mandan Road.

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water table, where they begin to affect the lives of plants, animals and humans. Those near the landfill are affected first but eventually the effects are noticeable worldwide.

Incineration of e-waste speeds up the dissemination of toxins into the atmosphere. Incinerators in most parts of the U.S. are required to clean up the smoke-stack effluvia but there is still the problem of dealing with the precipitates of that process.

According to Elizabeth Grossman, author of High Tech Trash, the Environmental Protection Agency estimates that the U.S. dumps approximately two million tons a year into landfills; worldwide, the estimate is 20 to 50 tons a year. Grossman indicates that in the U.S. only about 10 percent of the e-waste is recycled.

Reuse & Recycle

Reuse and recycling seem to offer the only, largely benign means of disposal of e-waste. But beware: all reuse and recycling programs are not created equal.

Thanks to a law passed by the European Union, manufacturers have found an alternative to lead solder joints for electronics and the expectation is that the new material will be used for electronics sold worldwide. The EU also requires that manufacturers offer free take-back service on electronics they manufacture. The manufacturers then recycle or reuse the equipment. In the U.S., there are not such strong regulations and the take-back programs offered by some manufacturers are voluntary.

Community and private recycling programs work with recycling businesses which then dispose of the electronics as a money-making venture. Unfortunately, reuse and recycling of televisions is less likely than with most other e-waste, because televisions contain less valuable material and lots of toxins.

Many recyclers ship products overseas because it is the cheapest and most profitable means of disposal even though this is generally illegal at the port of entry. Once in the foreign countries, the valuable bits (copper, silver) may be removed but the rest of the product including many toxins is generally dumped into the environment and usually burned with other waste. Even when products are disassembled overseas, too often it is done without regard for the health of the workers who have to remove the parts by whatever means is fastest, not safest.

A recent broadcast on WAMU radio (from which much of this information is taken) may be heard online at wamu.org/programs/kn/08/01/15.php#18536.

Maryland Recycles

Maryland is among the leaders in U.S. e-waste recycling efforts. There is credible recycling of components and refurbishment of equipment done by a number of recyclers in Maryland. For more information about recycling in Maryland, go to the website for the Department of the Environment (www.MDE.state.md.gov) and choose recycling under the menu titled Land.

For Prince George's County residents, the Brown Station Road Landfill in Upper Marlboro accepts household hazardous waste and electronics for recycling at no charge on Sundays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. You must be able to show proof of residency in Prince George's County. For further information call the Brown Station Landfill at 301-952-7610.

Greenbelt Recycles

The City of Greenbelt sponsors electronics recycling four times a year. The next electronics collection is Saturday, January 26, 9 a.m. to noon. At that time, televisions and other e-waste may be taken to the Public Works Department garage off Crescent Road near Buddy Attick Park.

Greenbelt's e-waste is removed by Capitol Recycling Services of Beltsville. They provide the containers, the city provides the manpower, residents provide the e-waste, then Capitol picks up the containers for processing. There is no charge to residents for leaving e-waste and Capitol charges only for the televisions while removing the rest of the e-waste at no cost to the city.

Cindy Murray, recycling coordinator for Greenbelt, reports that for each event 70 to 80 cars bring in materials for recycling. Approximately six tons of e-waste is collected per event including about 30 televisions each time.

Capitol Recycling dismantles most of the e-waste it picks up for reuse of the viable parts and materials, which are then sold.

For more information about Greenbelt's recycling programs, see www.greenbeltnmd.gov/public_works/refuse_recycling.pdf. The on-line pamphlet is available in hard copy as well; request one by calling Public Works at 301-474-8004 or email them at pubworks@greenbeltnmd.gov.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

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“The Farm” Artist Has Greenbelt Show

by Nicole DeWald

Born on a “hippie commune” in Summertown, Tenn., artist Jackson Martin was raised in an atmosphere of cooperative living and environmental consciousness. The Farm Community – known as “The Farm” – was founded in 1971 with a back-to-the-land philosophy. Martin was introduced to historic Greenbelt in 2007 and immediately felt a connection with the city’s values. At 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 3 Martin will discuss the resonances he has discovered between Greenbelt and The Farm and will also address his use of living material in contemporary art.

Martin is creating an original installation for the Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery where his solo exhibition will be presented from February 2 through March 16. Martin’s new artwork is grounded in his research into the social and architectural history of Greenbelt.

Central to the new exhibition will be Martin’s free-standing sculpture, “Pioneers.” This piece will reference Rexford Guy Tugwell’s crescent-shaped design and the topography of the land itself in an arc of living succulent plants ensconced in colorful plastic milk crates.

Martin’s use of milk crates as planters is a decision having symbolic significance as well as practical benefits. He collected the crates to be used in the show throughout the northeastern United States. In this new context, he remarks, they represent the diverse origins of



Artist Jackson Martin (left) hands a flower to a passerby from his “mobile greenhouse” at Brooklyn’s 11th annual Art Under the Bridge Festival in 2007. – photo by Hugh Swingle

Greenbelt’s original residents as well as the “severe” modernist geometry of the city’s original town homes. Given that the Greenbelt Community Center originally served at the city’s elementary school and the Art Gallery itself as a classroom, the milk crates also read as a nod to the history of the building.

Surrounding “Pioneers” in the Art Gallery will be wall-mounted works exploring the interplay between nature and industry, an ongoing theme in Martin’s work.

The new exhibition will mark Martin’s return to Maryland, where he received his master’s of fine arts degree from the Maryland Institute College of Art. He is currently residing in Tennessee (although not on the commune) with his wife and infant daughter. More information about the artist

and his sculptural and performance work is available at www.jacksonmartin.com.

The Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery is open daily. Monday through Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., except when the room is reserved for a meeting or special event. The Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road. For more information about exhibition programming call 240-542-2057. Exhibitions and other arts programs of the City of Greenbelt are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Nicole DeWald is the city’s arts supervisor.

Proposed PreK-8 Program Casualty of Budget Cuts

by Joan Whelan

A mere 10 weeks after presenting the concept to communities across Prince George’s County, schools superintendent Dr. John E. Deasy has been forced to postpone plans to transition county schools to a PreK-8 configuration because of budget cuts. The same plan would have transitioned Greenbelt schools to run from either grades PreK-5 or grades 6-8.

In budget and county school board worksessions on January 16, Deasy called the plan “the best move for county schools” but not feasible given reduced revenues for the school system from both the State of Maryland and Prince George’s County. “I still believe it is one of the most important things the school system can do for its children but it is not affordable at the moment,” he told board members.

The estimated costs of imple-

menting the first stage of the plan ran as high as \$30 to 35 million. This included staffing and facility adjustments to meet the needs of new 7th and 8th grades in some elementary schools and new 6th grades in some middle schools. Retraining teachers and hiring new ones, adapting libraries and building new science labs and athletic facilities would be necessary to implement the program as planned.

Board members expressed regret at the postponement of the program as well as the reduced revenues that necessitated it. Deasy was asked to explore implementing the program in one or two schools in a pilot program in order to keep the idea alive. Expressing her hope, Rosalind Johnson, board member for District One which includes Greenbelt, declared “PreK-8 is not lost, it is only slowed.”

Audubon Bird Walk On Sat., February 2

On Saturday, February 2 at 7:30 a.m., the Prince George’s Audubon Society will host a half-day walk at the Fran Uhler Natural Area. Meet at the end of Lemon Bridge Road off MD 197, just north of Bowie State University and the MARC line. For beginners and experts, walkers can expect to see woodland and field birds with good chances for raptor flyovers and some waterfowl at this forested flood plain of the Patuxent River. Waterproof footwear is suggested. No reservations are needed. Call 410-765-6482 for more information.

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Middle Eastern Music Jam At the New Deal on Saturday

There will be a special Middle Eastern music program at the New Deal Café on Saturday, January 26 from 8 to 10:30 p.m.

A jalsah or qa’dah is an informal musical gathering. It is a derivative of the Arabic word jalasa, which means “to sit.” Typically an event reminiscent of the musical sessions of medieval courts, it is still a common medium through which Middle Eastern composers, musicians and listeners (sammi’ah) gather to share their love of music.

Jalsah is a community event designed to promote awareness about Middle Eastern music, culture and dance. It is a place for both teachers, students and noninitiates to network and learn more about traditional forms of

music and dance.

Carmine Guida is a full time multi-instrumentalist musician and music workshop teacher in New York City, whose website is <http://www.carmine.com>.

Melissa Murphey has been an avid clarinet player for 16 years. She is the organizer for jalsah Pittsburgh, a participatory live music and dance community event to promote Middle Eastern music. The jalsah brings together like-minded individuals who wish to dance to, drum and/or play music together in a casual setting. The organization website is at <http://www.jalsah.org>.

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the Prince George’s County Council, which passed a resolution in November 2007 supporting BARC’s importance locally, nationally and internationally.

Letter

In a letter to Acting Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Conner, Mikulski, Cardin and Hoyer decried the reduction of the BARC research staff from more than 400 to approximately 260 scientists. The federal legislators were “dismayed” at the failure to adequately fund renovations of laboratory space to accommodate state-of-the-art research.

At NAL they were concerned that “leaking windows and other deficiencies (continue) to compromise its irreplaceable collections. This is not how the world’s most comprehensive agricultural research facility and one of the world’s largest agricultural libraries should be forced to operate

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“For nearly 100 years,” the letter continues, “BARC researchers have been finding solutions to our nation’s most challenging agricultural problems facing not just farmers but every American.”

In preparation for BARC’s centennial in 2010, Mikulski, Cardin and Hoyer have requested that the USDA develop strategic plans detailing the USDA’s short- and long-term visions for BARC and NAL. They have asked USDA to take action to address their concerns regarding the operation budgets at BARC and NAL. Their statement expressed their interest in working with USDA to ensure the “continued success of these institutions.”

Directorship Changes

Dr. Phyllis Johnson, director of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), will be leaving her post after 11 years at the “Flagship” research facility. She was offered the position of director in the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Research Center’s multi-state Pacific West facility in Albany, Calif., where she was previously associated and where the current director is retiring. Dr. Johnson is also a finalist for the position of president of North Dakota University. The move for Dr. Johnson is expected to take place in early February.

Named as her successor is long-time Beltsville scientist Dr. Joseph Spence, currently deputy administrator for Nutrition, Food Safety and Quality. Second in command to Dr. Spence will be Dr. Tom Sexton, currently associate area director and long-time director of the Animal and Natural Resources Institute at BARC. Dr. Sexton will be replacing Dr. Ron Korcak, who is retiring as associate area director and second in command to Dr. Johnson.

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is the first time the city has attempted to provide a forum for citizens to participate in creating their vision. She and the other councilmembers are “seeking direction from citizens” on a vision for Greenbelt in the next few years and into the future, 20 years from now.

Each session will be structured in the same way. The room is set up for small discussion groups in the city’s six service areas: Public Safety, Public Works, Planning and Community Development, Social Services, Recreation and Parks and General Government.

The last category covers areas not addressed in the other service areas.

Each group has a facilitator and note taker. Councilmembers are on hand to observe and listen to the discussion groups. Discussion periods are 20 minutes each followed by a break, allowing participants to visit other service-area discussions.

At this session only a handful of citizens and only one resident from Springhill Lake participated. For the few who attended, it was a golden opportunity to meet and voice their issues. Among the issues discussed within the various groups was a concern by one citizen about illegal dumping of refrigerators and microwaves around the Parkway area in Old Greenbelt, excessive vehicle speeds on Crescent Road and the possibility of traffic calming to solve it.

Another traffic problem concerned people not obeying the stop signs at the intersection of Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood Lane behind Beltway Plaza.

The Springhill Lake resident brought a flyer hoping to start a “resident’s interest group” at the apartment complex. The monthly interest group’s purpose would be to give Springhill Lake residents a way to voice their concerns and have city officials and others speak at the meetings.

City councilmembers interviewed for this article were disappointed but not surprised at the small turnout of Springhill Lake residents. Springhill Lake residents represent approximately 50 percent of the city’s population.

The next sessions will be held on Saturday, January 26 at the Greenbelt Municipal Building and Saturday, February 2 at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Multi-purpose Room. Each session is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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PG/MC 117 attempts to restrict. However, the city has supported the use of text amendments in certain cases. Councilmembers present (Konrad Herling being absent) agreed that because zoning regulations are out of date and the county Master Plan has not been revised in nearly 20 years, text amendments are sometimes necessary to serve the best interest of the public.

Council also agreed there has been a noticeable abuse of text amendments in the county for some time. When given the opportunity to speak, several members of the audience agreed with council’s position.

The bill also requires descriptions that adequately inform the public about the location of properties affected by text amendments and permits “a person” in the county to bring an action for declaratory judgment for enforcement of the bill. This provides a process for public input into such zoning changes.

Acknowledging the need for reform and modernization of zoning practices, yet seeing the need for zoning text amendments at times, council was left debating whether or not to support the bill. Councilmember Edward Putens had information that the bill is highly unlikely to pass and felt comfortable supporting it. Other councilmembers then supported the bill as well, considering that such support would send the county legislature the message that reform and revision are needed in zoning laws.

A motion by Councilmember Rodney Roberts to support PG/MC 117 passed with all present voting in favor.

Bank Protection

Several members of the Lyndon LaRouche Political Action Committee (LaRouche PAC) addressed council seeking support by the city for a petition to have Congress introduce and enact a Homeowners and Bank Protection Act of 2007 (HBPA).

Proposed by economist Lyndon LaRouche, the act calls for Congress to establish a federal agency to protect federal- and state-chartered banks and to freeze home mortgages for as long as it would take to “adjust the values to fair prices and restructure existing mortgages at appropriate interest rates.” Under the act foreclosures would be frozen and affordable monthly payments to banks would “recapitalize the banking systems.”

The federal government would pay for states to administer the programs.

Mayor Judith Davis suggested that the committee should be presenting their case to Congress, not to local governments. A LaRouche PAC representative responded that members of Congress were aware of the need for this legislation but were not accepting it because of pressure from hedge fund lobbyists.

(A document accompanying the petition places some responsibility for the current financial situation on hedge funds, saying these funds are “now going bankrupt and demanding government bailout of their securities and derivatives.”) Lacking support in Congress, the committee is now circulating a petition to state, local and other elected officials to press Congress into supporting the bill.

The petition says emergency enactment of the legislation is necessary “to erect a ‘firewall’ to protect the life savings of American citizens and to ensure that the hedge funds receive not one penny of bailout from the U.S. or any other government.”

According to the committee’s website (www.larouchepac.com), in Maryland the city council of District Heights has signed the petition and signers as of mid-December included elected officials from Baltimore, Bladensburg, Seat Pleasant and Forest Heights.

HR 3915 Support

Instead of signing the petition to support the LaRouche bill, Greenbelt’s council agreed instead to support House Resolution 3915, the Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act, which was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives in late November by a vote of 291 to 127. The National League of Cities worked to provide support for this bill. Council said it would also support a similar bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Christopher Dodd of Connecticut.

Though one objection to the LaRouche act voiced by Roberts was the creation of a new federal agency, HR 3915 calls for creation of an Office of Housing Counseling within the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This counseling aspect was attractive to other council members.

HR 3915 also provides for building increased consumer literacy on mortgages and the process of buying a home. This bill calls for licensing and registration of mortgage brokers and establishes standards that ensure borrowers have a reasonable ability to repay their loans.

Greenbelt Foundation to Distribute \$23,835

In its second round of grants, the Greenbelt Community Foundation will give a total of \$23,835 to 10 Greenbelt organizations. At the February 10 award presentation, the Greenbelt Elementary School 6th grade chorus, one of the awardees and the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Dixie Land Band will provide entertainment. Other awardees are the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Wind Ensemble; Friends of the New Deal Café Arts; Friends of Still Creek; Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts/Greenbelt Access Television; the Green Man Festival/Chesapeake

Education, Arts and Research Society; Greenbelt Farmer’s Market; Greenbelt in Focus; Greenbelt International Cultural Festival; and the St. Hugh’s Ladies of Charity Food Pantry.

The Greenbelt Community Foundation’s mission is to maintain, improve and enrich the quality of life in Greenbelt. The Foundation promotes cooperative endeavors and projects that celebrate, respect and build upon the legacy and ideals of Greenbelt. In its first round of grants last summer, the Foundation awarded \$2,950 to two organizations. The Foundation, which had been under discussion for several years,

became an advised fund within the Prince Georges Community Foundation in June 2006. The Prince Georges Community Foundation is a subsidiary of the Community Foundation of the National Capital Region, Inc., which manages assets worth over \$329,000,000.

The Greenbelt Community Foundation Board members are Sylvia Lewis, chair; Alan Turnbull, vice chair; Tom White, treasurer; Sieglinde Peterson, secretary; Bill Duncan; Dan Hamlin; Emmett Jordan; Kap Kapastin; Leta Mach; Craig Muckle; Carol Shaw; and Barbara Simon.